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Re: Notice of EPA's Intent to Modify RI/FS Schedule  
Leviathan Mine Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is notice of the decision by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to modify the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) completion schedule for the Leviathan Mine Superfund Site, pursuant to the Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Leviathan Mine, Alpine County, California (CERCLA Docket No. 2008-18, June 23, 2008) (Order). The Order included an Attachment 2, List of Major Submittals for the Leviathan Mine Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. That list identified the general activities that Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) is required to perform in accordance with schedules "as may be amended or modified by EPA from time to time" (Order, Para. 50).

The agreed upon schedule is documented in the May 17, 2017 letter from EPA to ARC and the June 19, 2017 letter from ARC to EPA.

ARC met the first milestone of the 2017 schedule modification by the submission of the Draft Site Characterization Report on December 29, 2017. EPA intends to postpone the subsequent RI/FS submittal dates a few months to allow for discussion of technical details around the calculation and potential recalculation of reference threshold values. We are confident that these discussions will further contribute to the quality of the stakeholder review and analysis of the multifaceted Draft Site Characterization Report.

EPA will develop a revised schedule in coordination with ARC in the next few months. We look forward to upcoming technical and schedule discussions.

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Sincerely,



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